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REMARKS**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6, 8-19, and 21-26 are currently pending for consideration.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-4 AND 13-17 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

The Applicant kindly thanks the Examiner for his suggestion for amending claims 1, 13 and 14. The claims are amended herein to more fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-4, 13-17 AND 26 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER TAKAKURA ET AL. (U.S. PUBLICATION NO. 2002/0007396) IN VIEW OF FRIEDMAN (U.S. PUBLICATION NO. 2002/0119789)

Claim 1 recites accepting a remark request, with the current location of the terminal attached by said terminal for permission to make a remark, and delivering the remark, in the form of text data, to terminals of the other participants of said area chat room with the location of said terminal attached. Claims 13, 14 and 26 recite somewhat similar features. The Office Action states on page 4 that Takakura does not disclose this feature. Rather, the Office Action relies on paragraph [0073] of Friedman. The Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art, both individually and in combination, fails to teach the above features.

Friedman discusses transmitting a portal device/user location in response to certain specified events. See paragraph [0073], of Friedman. A user may configure his or her portal device and/or portal server to transmit positional data whenever the user sends a message to others. See *Id.* Conversely, claim 1 recites **attaching** the current location of a terminal to a remark. Friedman does not disclose attaching a location to a remark in this manner, nor does Friedman provide any disclosure of why this would be desirable. Friedman merely discusses transmitting positional data when a user sends a message to others. See *Id.* Additionally, in Friedman, a user of a portal device must *configure* the portal device and/or server before positional data can even be transmitted in response to sending a message to others. See *Id.*

Further, Friedman does not disclose accepting a remark request. In Friedman, in response to a specified event, such as sending a message, positional data may be transmitted

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to other users. See *Id.* Claim 1, on the other hand, recites accepting a remark request for permission to make a remark. Friedman is completely silent as to this feature. Thus, Takakura and Friedman, both individually and in combination, fail to render claim 1 obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The above comments are specifically directed to claim 1. However, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding various differences of various other claims over the cited art.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

IV. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 5, 6, 8-12, 18, 19 AND 21-25 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER TAKAKURA ET AL. IN VIEW OF FRIEDMAN AND FURTHER IN VIEW OF WHAT IS WELL KNOWN IN THE ART

Claim 5 recites sending the server of said system a remark request, with the current location of said terminal attached by said terminal. Claim 18 recites somewhat similar features. The Office Action states on page 7 that Takakura does not disclose this feature. Rather, the Office Action relies on paragraph [0073] of Friedman. The Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art, both individually and in combination, fails to teach the above features.

Friedman discusses transmitting a portal device/user location in response to certain specified events. See paragraph [0073], of Friedman. A user may configure his or her portal device and/or portal server to transmit positional data whenever the user sends a message to others. See *Id.* Conversely, claim 19 recites that the location of the terminal is attached to a remark. Friedman does not disclose attaching a location to a remark in this manner, nor does Friedman provide any disclosure of why this would be desirable. Friedman merely discusses transmitting positional data when a user sends a message to others. See *Id.* Additionally, in Friedman, a user of a portal device must *configure* the portal device and/or server before positional data can even be transmitted in response to sending a message to others. See *Id.*

Further, Friedman does not disclose sending a remark request. In Friedman, in response to a specified event, such as sending a message, positional data may be transmitted to other users. See *Id.* Claim 1, on the other hand, recites sending the server a remark request. Friedman is completely silent as to this feature. Thus, Takakura and Friedman, both individually and in combination, fail to render claim 19 obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

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The above comments are specifically directed to claim 19. However, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding various differences of various other claims over the cited art.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

V. CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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